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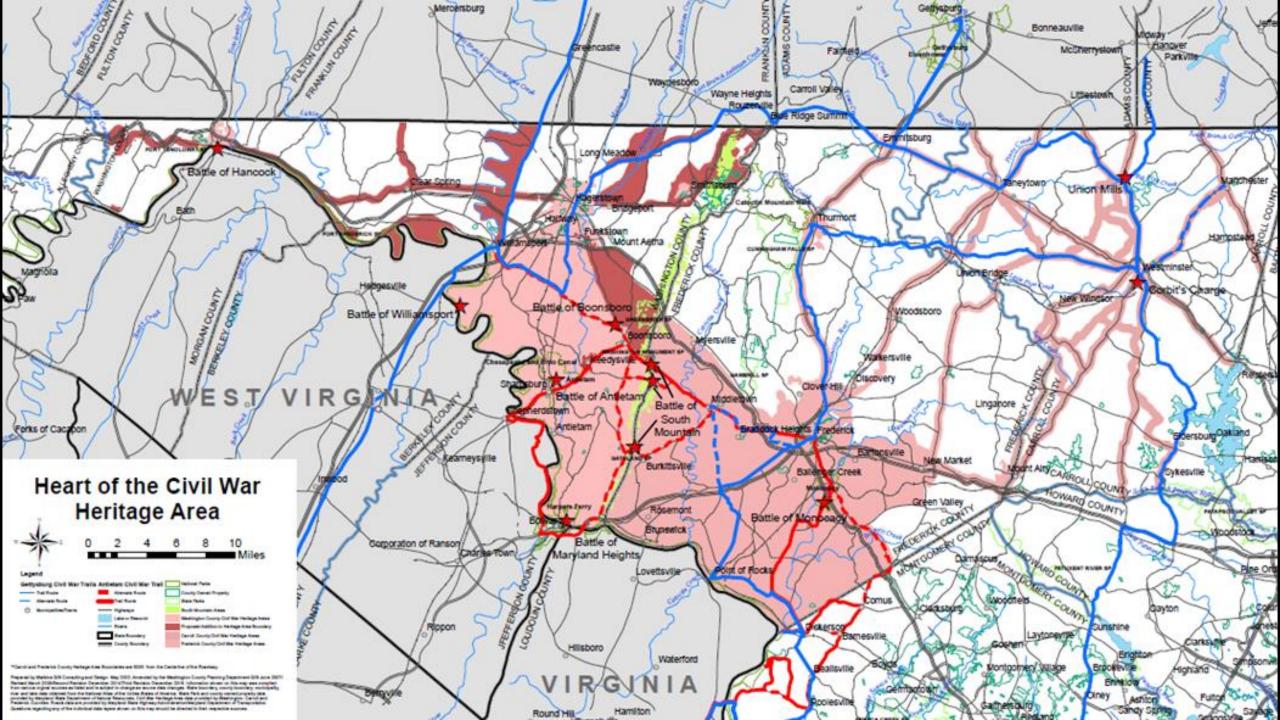
Since 1890, dedicated conservationists, historians, and leaders in central Maryland have been working to raise the profile of the region's extraordinary Civil War heritage and to care for the battlefields and settings where the events that shaped the future of the Union took place. As a result, this region along the border between North and South possesses a degree of landscape integrity that is exceptional among Civil War sites around the country. The visitor who wants to understand what it was like when the armies faced each other can do so here in a setting that remains largely rural and relatively intact, unlike many other Civil War battlefields where modern development patterns have obscured the experience. Moreover, many of the region's small towns possess a high degree of historical integrity, giving residents and visitors a distinct sense of time and place.

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#### Our Home in the Heart of Maryland

Whether your family has lived here for generations or recently arrived, you know this place is special — from Sideling Hill Creek on the western edge of Washington County to the mouth of the Monocacy River in eastern Frederick County. Our forests, streams, working farms, and history draws outdoor adventurers and heritage tourists from all over the U.S. and beyond. That's why we are known as the Heart of Maryland.

Everything that draws us to this place also draws new residents; who wouldn't want to live here, after all? As our population grows, we can can retain our rural landscape and heritage. Assisting private landowners who want to protect their land through voluntary conservation easements is part of the solution.

That's why so many people are working together like never before. The Heart of Maryland Conservation Alliance is a network of dozens of agencies, land trusts, and other nonprofits.



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